

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Bayside City Council and Yalukit Willam Nature Association recognizes the traditional custodians of this land the Bunurong People. We pay our respects to their elders past and present. We acknowledge their rich history and value the strong connection they have and always will have to this land.

Purpose

The Memorandum of Understanding helps to set out the principles to support collaboration between BCC and YWNA. These principles allow the organizations to collaborate through dialogue, transparency and information sharing to achieve the best practice outcomes to benefit the Yalukit Willam Nature Reserve.

Vision for the reserve

"A beautifully designed and maintained native parkland, wetland and urban forest. A place that echoes the beauty of the land before the invasion of concrete and asphalt. A place that provides refuge and tranquillity for people and wildlife ..."

"This vision is not one of an ordinary suburban park. Rather it is of something stunning, unique and extraordinary."

Who

The following "Parties" are as follows:

1. Bayside City Council (BCC)
2. Yalukit Willam Nature Association (YWNA)

Core Commitments

All party members outlined in this document are committed to working collaboratively to oversee all aspects of the vision of the park present and future. This will be guided towards key principles, being:

- To work with a high level of transparency and openness. But not limited to any matters that may affect the outcomes of the project.
- That all decisions are equitable and inclusive to those judgements being made at the reserve.
- To share knowledge and have all parties collaborating with that knowledge in relation to sound ecological outcomes, based on proven scientific methodologies drawn on by those representatives within each group.

- To follow a rule of law that respects the needs of all parties working within an open public space and adhering to Council decisions when undertaking activities within a public space.
- That the knowledge shared by participants is aimed to further enhance and work at continuously improve the outcome in the project with respect to the deliverables outlined within the scope of works.
- To enable appropriate representation by YWNA for matters relating to ecology, botany, and future project planning under the guidance of Bayside Council. A spokesperson for ongoing decisions.
- To work at making sure volunteers' safety and all parties wellbeing are at the forefront of the everybody's mind.

Objectives of the collaboration

The objectives of the collaboration group are as follows:

- To deliver positive outcomes for the benefit of the environment, community and culture with respect to people and space.
- Strengthen ties and create a good working relationship between all parties to meet the needs of all those involved.
- Have an agreed process for conflict resolution that aims to support and resolve any issues relating to projects.
- Ensure all strategies for land management and water quality improvement are directed by historic academic principles which are governed and guided by leading authorities, appointed professionals, local knowledge and consequently communicated to all working parties.
- Seek to find opportunities to improve biodiversity, habitat, water quality and weed management within the reserve through industry expertise, sound scientific knowledge, citizen science and peer review programs.
- Confirm roles and responsibilities between Bayside City Council and the YWNA.

Benefits to the Collaborative Approach

The overarching benefit of the collaborative approach is to assure all parties understand the roles and responsibilities within the project framework and that each party are working towards the same "vision", as outlined above.

- The collaborative approach improves the standards in relation to Quality Management. This benefits the environment, the community and any policies and procedures outlined by Council.
- It intends to identify project risks and to manage as required. By identifying ambiguity and variability.
- It opens opportunities for a stronger relationship between BCC and the local community.

- It acts to gain an understanding of what each groups objectives, opportunities and limitations are and the benefit for the reserve and future potential community driven projects.
- Sets a benchmark for other LGAs for what can be achieved when working in collaboration with the local community, biodiversity and cultural awareness.

Obligation

The Memorandum of Understanding does not constitute or establish a legal obligations or entitlements and therefore is simply an intent to reach a mutual understanding of those goals and objectives amongst BCC and YWNA.

Timing

Agreements to the above terms will be reviewed every two years, or otherwise as required.

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